A Serious Call to the People of England; by King and Council.

To the FIRST PRINCIPLES of the CHRISTIAN RELIGION.

WHICH Holy RELIGION is briefly summed up in these few PRECEPTS, with Admonitions. Which if attended too and obſerved, is the True SUMMUM BONUM of our duty. His Majesty hath wiſely iſſued out "a Proclamation for the ſuppreſſion of PROFANENESS, IMMORALITY and allkinds of vice," As a WARNING FOR THE TIMES; He (as head of the Church) weil knowing that the peace of his People and happineſs of a long Reign is owing to ſuch Principles as these.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

The Seven Petitions of the Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, II. Thy kingdom come. III. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. IV. Give us this day our daily bread. V. Forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us: VI. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Twelve Articles of the Chriſtian Faith.

I. I Believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. II. And in Jeſus Chriſt, his only Son our Lord. III. Who was conceived by the Holy Choſt; born of the Virgin Mary. IV Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he decended into hell. V. The third day he roſe again from the dead. VI He aſcended into heaven, and ſitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. VII. From thence he ſhall come to judge the quick and the dead. VIII. I believe in the Holy Ghoſt. IX. The Holy Catholic Church; the communion of Saints X. The forgiveneſs of ſins. XI. The reſurrection of the body; and XII. The life everlaſting. Amen.

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By murmuring againſt God's providence.

By preſuming too much of his goodneſs and long-ſuffering, patience and forbearance at my ſins.

By deſpairing of his mercy.

By putting confidence in dreams and fortune-tellers.

By going to conſult witches or cunning men, and by uſing charms or ſuperſtitious words or actions.

Becauſe, if I have offended in any of these particulars, I am heartily ſorry, and confeſs myſelf guilty of a breach of thy firſt commandment, and beſeech thee, O Lord, to incline my heart to keep thy law.

Againſt the Second Commandment.

II. By making the repreſentation of God, or any thing that God has made, to worſhip it by kneeling or falling down before it; or by uſing any other marks of that worſhip which is due to God alone.

By praying to men and angels.

By giving any kind of ſpiritual virtue to goods, clothes, fleſh, bones, or blood of any man living or dead.

By ſuperſtition or Idolatry: or by carnal and careleſs worſhip.

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By not paying my juſt debts, when able.

By uſing unjuſt weights and meaſures.

By deceit and gain in buying and ſelling.

By knowingly buying of ſuch as could not ſell, or taking of ſuch as could not give.—By wilfully ſpoiling or damageing other men's goods.

By detaining ſervants wages.

By contracting debts, with no deſign to repay.

By purloining or cheating a maſter, &c. or embezzling a maſter's goods, time, &c.

By prodigality, living above my fortune.

By idleneſs taking no care for an honeſt livelihood.—By covetouſneſs, not relieving the poor when able.

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